provision for construction of a lighterage wharf at a cost of Rs. 20 lakhs and in the second stage we are going to construct an ocean going steamer berth at a cost of Rs. 30 lakhs.

2-00 P.M.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the schemes under contemplation and the facilities going to be provided to the users of ports specially, Honnawar, Bhatkal and Karwar.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It is not possible to furnish this information which is a very lengthy one. If the Hon'ble Member wants I will place it on the Table of the House.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—How many are proposed to be developed as fishing ports and how many as fishing harbours ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—So far as commercial ports are concerned, namely Karwar, Coondapur and Bhatkal, there are proposals to develop them as fishing harbours also. There are also other minor ports which are to be developed as fishing harbours. It is proposed to develop Malpe as a fishing harbour by the Norvegian Aid.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—Is it not a fact that all these ports are good centres importing illicit distilled liquors ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is disallowed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಭಾನ್ಯರಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಈಗ ಒಟ್ಟು ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಬಂದರಿನಿಂದ ಅಮದು ಮತ್ತು ರಫ್ತುಗಳ ಮೂಲಕ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ 10,98,311.00 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಆದಾಯ ಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ, ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಅಮದಿನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಆದಾಯ ಬಂದಿದೆ, ರಫ್ತಿನಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಆದಾಯ ಬಂದಿದೆ ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I want notice.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Minor Irrigation Works in Chickmagalur Sub-Division.

*Q.—628. Sri K. H. RANGANATH (Mudigere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount sanctioned during the years 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 for minor irrigation works in Chickmagalur Sub-Division (Talukwise list to be furnished) ;

(*b*) the total number of minor irrigation works that were taken up and completed during the years 1962-63, 1963-64 and 1964-65 and the amounts spent in the said Sub-Division (Talukwise list to be furnished) ;

(SRI K. H. RANGANATH)

(c) the total number of minor irrigation works whose plans and estimates are pending with the Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer and Government for either scrutiny or sanction ?

A.—SRI ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(a) *Vide* Statement 'A' appended.

(b) *Vide* Statement 'B' appended.

(c)

Executive Engineer, Chickmagalur	...	61
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Investigation Division, Shimoga	...	16
Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle	...	7
Chief Engineer (General), Bangalore	...	2
Government	...	Nil
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STATEMENT 'A'

Chickmagalur Revenue Sub-Division consisting Chickmagalur and Mudigere Taluks.

		Amount sanctioned during		
		1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
1 Chickmagalur	...	1,15,000	44,000	87,100
2 Mudigere	...	33,500	22,000	34,000

STATEMENT 'B'

Name of Taluk	1962-63			1963-64			1964-65		
	No. taken	No. completed	Amount	No. taken	No. completed	Amount	No. taken	No. completed	Amount
			Rs.			Rs.			Rs.
Chickmagalur ...	6	13	1,76,264	15	7	41,784	18	3	1,07,712
Mudigere ...	10	8	19,209	9	6	16,150	5	4	45,868

Business of the House

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have to deal with a very important matter and I want the attention of all members including the Treasury Benches. Sri S. Sivappa raised a very important point. He asked how is it that there are only 7 questions. Of course, one hour has been fully spent and therefore there can be no legitimate grievance on the part of the members. The number of questions answered is not material, but the full one hour devoted for questions has been fully utilized for these questions and that too at the instance of members. Today we have spent 70 minutes on Questions. But, then the question still remains as to why it is that the Government is not able to give sufficient interpellations to be answered. The number 12 is a very low figure. In other legislatures they are putting much more than 12 Questions a day. I cannot possibly understand what the difficulty is. Unless somebody looks into this and finds out where the default lies and see that stagnation is removed, it will be very difficult.

Sri S. R. KANTHI (Minister for Education).—Sir, the other day you mentioned this fact.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Not the other day. Everyday this is mentioned.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—Yes, Sir. The Government also is trying to do its best and we are trying to get answers as much as possible. In some cases it is difficult to get because we have to get information from the villages and taluk places. I assure you that we will look into the matter once again and try to get as much answer as possible.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is a very unsatisfactory explanattion. I want that there should be proper appraisal of the importance of the question. The Government must remember that the members will be ready to do other work if the first hour every day is devoted properly. Unless the question hour is fully utilised according to normal rule, I will not allow any other work to be taken up. What is the right of the Government ? It has to do first hour perfectly and properly. If they do not do that it means that they do not give proper attention to the importance of the Question Hour. The importance of the Question Hour has been emphasised by everybody. I have made a special request to the Government. I have got with me a list showing how many questions are overdue from each ministry. I have received requests for extension of time with the remark that they have not been able to get information from their subordinates. Without even disclosing what is the nature, to say simply that my subordinate has not done it, may satisfy the minister but it cannot be satisfactory on the Floor of the House. Cannot every minister give answer at least to one Question every day ? It looks as if nobody looks into this. That is not fair to the House. If there are 30 Questions or 40 Questions addressed to each Minister, can they not single out one Question at least every day and give answers?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—We will do that.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I must get it at least 48 hours in advance because I must get it translated and send it to the press. Formerly there was no courtesy of a request for extension of time. Now everybody does not seem to have taken note of it. It is highly irregular. There should be no officer or minister or secretary without making a request after the expiration of 15 days time, and now what justification is there for extension of time? Is it that they do not think it proper or find no time? That is not the way of paying respect to the House. I will distribute this to the various ministers and make a personal request and appeal to them to please try and send answer to at least one Question every day. Then at least I will have 15 Questions per day. I have hardly three more days. I have with me individual grievances from members. Here one member has said that questions 176, 185, 186, 188, 189 and 859 sent in November 1964 have not been replied. If Government is not able to get information from November, I do not know how to characterise it. It is absolutely unfair to the members. Members also will kindly help and make it a point to be present when the questions come up.

Public Accounts Committee—Appointment of Chairman.

Under sub-rule (3) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House, I hereby nominate Sri Ganji Veerappa as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

Subordinate Legislation Committee—Appointment of Chairman.

Under sub-rule (3) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the House, I hereby nominate Sri C. M. Desai as Chairman of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—Sir, of course I am not questioning the announcement made. Usually a well established parliamentary practice in Lok Sabha and British Parliament is that the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee will be a member from the opposition side. Here also in this Assembly when ex-Chief Minister Sri Hanumanthaiya was there.

Mr. SPEAKER.—How are these conventions talked about on the Floor of the House? The Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House must meet and settle. I have no objection. Why not party leaders meet?